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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002 please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the subject application claims 1-34 remain pending. No claims have been added and no claims have been canceled. The reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Fields. Generally, the Office Action set forth that Fields discloses a search interface for a distributed database comprising: 1) Exchanging data between two different sites using different formats; 2) A translator; 3) Coverting the data; 4) Linking of user through one site via another site; 5) Storing the transactions; and 6) Promotions. The Office Action then set forth that, while Fields fails to describe the use of an independent site for processing, storing, charging, and